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**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 1, 2001. To date, we have not received a communication from the Examiner in charge of this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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